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Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT / INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Sir:

Responsive to a telephonic request by the Examiner, the applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. These are supplemental to the response that was filed September 9, 2003. No extension fee is due. If any other fee is required in connection with this response, the fee may be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 22 of this paper.